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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 10 shows an example where the gap S is defined between the hose body 226, specifically a tip end portion of the inner rubber layer 230/ and the reinforced layer 228 and the collar-like portion or the collar-like base portion of the socket fitting 224. The gap S in a tip-end side of the outer layers is not always defined between the hose body 226 and the collar-like base portion 234 of the socket fitting 224 depending on a manner or structure for fixedly securing the hose body 226 with respect to the connecting part or the rigid insert pipe. However, the present invention is specifically suitable to fill in such gap as defined between a tip-end portion of the outer layers and the collar-like portion of the socket fitting. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 4 (A) is a cross-sectional view showing a <u>forth-fourth_modification</u> to construction of a radial groove and a fit-in portion in the first fastening structure. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 4 (B) is a cross-sectional view showing the radial groove in the forth-fourth modification. --

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 4 (A) shows another or forth modification to construction of the radial groove 34 and the fit-in portion 36 or the base portion 32 of the hose 10. In this embodiment, a small projection 38 is formed on a bottom surface of the radial groove 34. And, a small recess 40 is formed in a shape corresponding to the small projection 38 on an inner end surface of the base portion 32, which is plastic deformed by bite of the small projection 38 when securely compressing or swaging the socket fitting 16. Then the extending portion 30 is radially clamped in between a bottom surface of the groove 34 including the small projection 38 and an inner end surface of the base portion 32 including the small recess 40 so as to provide securing and sealing property to an end portion of the hose 10. --

Please replace the ABSTRACT beginning at page 29, line 1, with the following rewritten ABSTRACT:

-- In a hose with <u>a</u> corrugated metal tube, an axial leading end portion of <u>a-the</u> corrugated metal tube is configured as an extending portion so as to extend in an axial direction beyond a base portion of a socket fitting and be exposed out of an outer layer of the hose. The extending portion is clamped by an inner end surface of the base portion and an outer surface of a rigid insert pipe. --